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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND  
HAND-DELIVERY OF CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBIT**

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk/Executive Director  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: **Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,  
Increasing Residential and Non-Residential Rates  
Docket Number: 2021-3-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC" or the "Company") please find the Direct Testimony and Exhibits of the following witnesses:

1. Bryan L. Sykes
2. Steven D. Capps
3. Brett Phipps
4. Bryan P. Walsh
5. Kenneth D. Church
6. Jason D. Martin

The Company respectfully requests that Exhibit 3 of Steven D. Capps' Direct Testimony be accepted by the Commission under seal and maintained as confidential pursuant to Order No. 2005-226. Company witness Capps' Exhibit 3 contains certain proprietary and confidential information relating to sensitive outage information that if disclosed could negatively impact DEC's ability to safely and reliably provide effective service to its customers. The Company requests that the Commission grant the Company's request for confidential treatment, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-804(S)(2) and the Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-10 et seq., and protect this information from public disclosure.

By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record via electronic mail.

Sincerely,

Katie M. Brown

cc: Parties of record